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REF: (A) ANKARA 3767, (B) ATHENS 4066

1. IN FOLLOW-UP TO ITS ARTICLE OF MAY 17 (REF A), MILLIYET
ALLEGES MAY 18 IN A STORY FROM ITS ATHENS CORRESPONDENT THAT
GREEK FONMIN RALLIS GAVE TWO STATEMENTS ON MAY 16. THE FIRST
ISSUED DURING THE AFTERNOON, CONTAINED CRITICISM OF ECEVIT

FOR HIS "HUMEROUS AND CONTRADICTORY" REMARKS WHILE IN LONDON. ACCORDING TO MILLIYET, SOURCES 'CLOSE TO THE GOVERNMENT' TOLD ITS CORRESPONDENT PRIMIN KARAMANLIS ASKED THAT THE STATEMENT BE WITHDRAWN AND THE OBJECTIONABLE LANGUAGE REMOVED. LATE TUESDAY EVENING, A REVISED VERSION OF THE RALLIS STATEMENT (REF B) WAS REPORTEDLY ISSUED. MILLIYET'S REPORTER CLAIMS HE WAS UNABLE TO ELICIT AN OFFICIAL EXPLANATION FOR CHANGES MADE IN FONMIN'S STATEMENT FROM A GOG SPOKESMAN.

2. MILLIYET'S CHIEF EDITORIALIST, ABDI IPEKCI, IN HIS COLUMN MAY 18 COMMENTS THAT THE WITHDRAWAL OF RALLIS' HARSH WORDS AT THE INSISTENCE OF PRIMIN KARAMANLIS IS A WELCOME SIGN. HE ADDS, "WE BELIEVE KARAMANLIS HAS ACTED TO REKINDLE THE HOPES WHICH HAD BEGUN TO FADE." IPEKCI NOTES, HOWEVER, THAT KARAMANLIS DID NOT HAVE ALL INACCURATE CONTENTIONS IN THE RALLIS STATEMENT REMOVED. SPIERS

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